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TOKMULIN et al.

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Art Unit: 1763

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These documents are being brought to the Examiner's attention because they have been cited in an Official Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on May 13, 2003, during its examination of the corresponding Japanese patent application. A copy of the Japanese Official Action, with a translation into English, is included herewith.

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,278,796 to Sachio Takei et al;
2. PCT Publication No. WO 92/21220 published November 26, 1992;
3. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. S55-143175;
4. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. H05-179428;
5. Japanese Utility Model Laid-Open No. H04-130187;
6. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. H02-312356;
7. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. H05-038569; and
8. Japanese Utility Model Laid-Open No. H05-033534.

No representation is made or intended that better art than that listed is not available, or that the order of information listed is significant, or that an independent search has been made by the applicant. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider this information under 37 CFR 1.104.

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The Examiner's due consideration of this information is respectfully solicited.

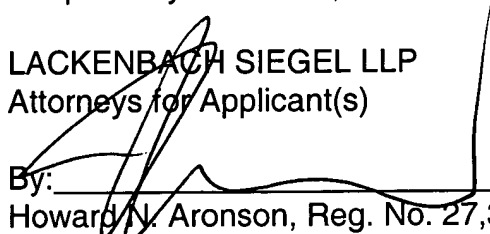
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